

Virginia Western Community College

ADJ 100

Survey of Criminal Justice

Prerequisites

None

Course Description

Presents an overview of the United States criminal justice system; introduces the major system components--law enforcement, judiciary, and corrections.

Semester Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 0

Required Materials

1. Textbook
2. Internet access
3. Canvas

Textbook:

Criminal Justice: A Brief Introduction, 12th edition Author: Frank Schmalleger
ISBN# 978-0-134-70971-0

Other Required Materials:

None

Course Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Define and understand crime in America
- Comprehend the facets of policing
- Develop a clear understanding of the American judicial system
- Discuss the American response to crime through the study of Corrections (adult and juvenile)
- Practice the art of professionalism and critical thinking regarding criminal justice

Topical Description

1	Crime in America
2	Crime Picture
3	Criminal Law
4	Policing
5	Courts
6	Probation, Parole and Community Corrections
7	Prisons and Jails
8	Prison Life
9	Juvenile Justice System

Notes to Instructors